MR. P. C. ADICHAN: അടുത്തകാലത്തു കാളവണ്ടിയിൽ റേഷൻ സാധനങ്ങൾ കൊണ്ടുപോകാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ വണ്ടിക്കാരും ജനങ്ങളും വളരെ വിഷമങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിച്ചു എന്നുള്ള വിവരം ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർക്ക് അറിയാമോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Maintenance will be done according to the importance of the road.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: May I know whether a tender was called for the construction of the bridge at the 3rd mile of the Kunnattur—Cherumood road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I claim notice.

Construction of a bridge at Achankara.

115. ✱ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any report has been submitted to the Chief Engineer by the Quilon Executive Engineer regarding the construction of a bridge at Achankara on the Budhanoor-Kadampoor Village road; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for a foot bridge is under preparation.

Konathal bridge at Kumarakom.

116. ✱ MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken for the construction of the Konathal bridge at Kumarakom?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The bridge had to be redesigned as the 6 piles according to original sanction were found entirely inadequate. As a result of particulars since found, the design was revised and sanctioned with a cluster of some 12 piles to each pier. 13 piles of 40 feet in addition to the piles already driven were obtained from Kozhencherry and driven. It is found that they were inadequate. The piles are being extended and driven further.

MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): May I know when was this work sanctioned?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: 11 years ago-

MR. V. MADHAVAN: After the Government had sanctioned the work may I know when was the inadequacy of piles found out?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Some time in 1944 the original design was submitted and in the early part of 1945 I found it out. I ordered borings to be taken and the piles were made available in December. A fresh design has been made and piles were dim. I think it has to be extended by 35 feet. The work relating to the bridge could be taken up and completed with the piles available now.

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MR. V. MADHAVAN: May I know the approximate time within which the work could be finished?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As quickly as possible the work will be done. But I have ceased to give promises in Travancore so far as a work is concerned.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MAHOMED: May I know who is responsible for sending such faulty estimates?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Half a dozen Executive Engineers have been there.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MAHOMED: May I know who is that officer responsible for this kind of faulty work?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The matter is pending enquiry. But all the same I am insisting on my officers doing the job allotted to them.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MAHOMED: Does the member realise that because of the fault of his officers in not doing their jobs properly, the public have to suffer a great deal?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There is bound to be a period of suffering. One has to put up with that in a general manner. Until these people are put in their proper places, things will go on like this for a short time. I will set matters right.

MR. GHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*) : —ഇതു സംബന്ധിച്ചു് എന്നു തീരുമെന്നു പറയാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is a very difficult question to answer.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has punished any of the Executive Engineers for this kind of faulty work?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know what the nature of such punishment is?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Personal matters of this character are not open to discussion.

Ryots road from Adoor town to 2nd mile Thumpamon—Adoor road.

117. * MR. M K. NILAKANTAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a mass petition from the inhabitants of Pannivizha, Adoor, Kunnathur, that the above road may be taken under departmental maintenance;

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken thereunder;

(*c*) whether the acquisition work has been completed; and

(*d*) if not, what is the delay due to?

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